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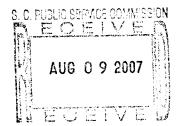
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August 7, 2007

The Honorable Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator **South Carolina Public Service Commission** 101 Executive Center Drive (29210) Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211



RE:

Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Adjustments in the Company's Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs Docket No. 2007-229-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to a letter dated June 26, 2007, from the Docketing Department of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina transmitting the Notice of Filing and Hearing ("Notice") in the above-referenced matter, please find enclosed for filing the following:

- -Affidavits and tearsheets from the newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas as proof of publication of the required Notice.
- -Affidavit of John R. Hendrix, Manager of the Electric Pricing and Rate Administration Department for SCANA Services, affirming that the Notice was mailed to each customer of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company on or before August 15, 2007.
- Please acknowledge your receipt of these documents by file stamping the extra copy of this letter which is enclosed and return it to us via the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

By copy of this letter, we are providing counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff as well as counsel for all other parties of record a copy of the enclosed documents.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

K. Chad Burgess

KCB/kms Enclosures

cc: Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire

Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

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(via first class mail w/ enclosures)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

AFFIDAVIT
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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, John R. Hendrix, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Manager of the Electric Pricing and Rate Administration Department for SCANA Services; that at his direction and under his supervision the Notice of Hearing attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein has been mailed to all applicable Customers of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company via bill insert on or before August 15th, 2007.

John R. Hendrix

**SWORN TO before me** 

7th day of August, 2007

\_(L.S.) Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 10-15-07

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKETING DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING DOCKET NO. 2007-229-E

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY - Application for adjustments and increases in the Company's electric rate schedules and tariffs

On June 15, 2007, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates and charges, and to make changes to its tariffs. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-820 and 58-27-870 (1976, as amended) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-834, previously codified as 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-834 and recently amended, renumbered, and published in the State Register Volume 31, Issue 4, effective April 27, 2007, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

SCE&G states in the Application that it has continued to make significant investments in its infrastructure to meet growth in its service territory, to maintain and improve the reliability of its system, and to meet increasingly stringent environmental controls on air emissions. The Application reveals that SCE&G has experienced significantly increased costs in continuing to provide safe and reliable service to its customers. The Application further states that, despite the Company's efficient operations and constant efforts to lower and control costs, the current rates and charges are not sufficient to allow the Company a reasonable opportunity to earn an adequate rate of return on its investment.

SCE&G requests that the proposed increases be effective January 1, 2008. The proposed rates and charges represent an increase in revenues of approximately 6.75%; the proposed average increase to the residential class is 7.49%; small general service class is 5.83%; medium general service class is 6.87%; large general service class is 5.96%; and the lighting class is 8.17%.

A copy of the Company's complete Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and tariffs may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a> and is available from the corporate office of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company at 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101

Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

Any person, who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 7, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to *Docket No. 2007-229-E*.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Catherine D. Taylor, Esquire, K. Chad Burgess, Esquire, SCE&G, 1426 Main Street, MC 130, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 on or before September 7, 2007 and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. Please refer to *Docket No. 2007-229-E*.

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Catherine D. Taylor, Esquire, K. Chad Burgess, Esquire, SCE&G, 1426 Main Street, MC 130, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 on or before September 7, 2007. Please refer to *Docket No. 2007-229-E*.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or participate as a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 7, 2007**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2007-229-E**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina, 29211



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